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SUBJECT: COFFEE -- TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON SYSTEM  
OF CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN, MARCH 22-APRIL 2.

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION  
SUGGESTING THAT "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATISTICAL  
SERVICES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES" ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING  
AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM CUSTOMS SERVICES, AS  
FOLLOWS:

"THE PROVISIONS OF THE TWO SUB-PARAGRAPHS OF  
ARTICLE 30 REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1  
(OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 1976)  
IMPLY THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE EXPORT STA-  
TISTICS OBTAINED FROM CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN  
BY THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE IDENTICAL WITH THOSE  
PUBLISHED BY EXPORTING MEMBERS IN THEIR NATIONAL  
STATISTICS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT MIGHT  
BE CONSIDERED HELPFUL IF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
STATISTICAL SERVICES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES WERE  
TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING  
GROUP ON THE APPLICATION OF A SYSTEM OF CERTI-  
FICATES OF ORIGIN IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIVES

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OF THE AUTHORITIES WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE

FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SYSTEM OF CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN SUCH AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CUSTOMS SERVICES, THE BODIES WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY BE DESIGNATED AS CERTIFYING AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT

" REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE MEETING SHOULD BE FULLY BRIEFED AND INFORMED ABOUT ALL PROCEDURES USED IN THEIR COUNTRIES IN THE EXPORT AND IMPORT OF COFFEE. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE MEETING COULD SUPPLY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH A LIST

'L OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES, INCLUDING TELEX AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS, OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES IN THEIR COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE PROCEDURES FOR THE EXPORT AND IMPORT OF COFFEE AND IN THE RETENTION OF THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS. MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL

" COMMENCE AT 10:30 A.M. ON 22 MARCH 1976."

2. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALSO NOTES THAT SINCE THE EXPORTERS PLAN TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AMONG THEMSELVES DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE MEETINGS, MARCH 22-26, IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE TECHNICAL EXPERTS OF THE IMPORTERS TO BE PRESENT UNTIL THE SECOND WEEK, I.E., THAT BEGINNING MARCH 29. IMPORTERS MAY, OF COURSE, PARTICIPATE IN THE EARLIER DISCUSSION IF THEY DESIRE.

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